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CLEANING APPLIANCES

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Sir:

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DE 197 42 282 discloses a program controlled laundry drier which has a cycle where initially the drum section is filled with a given volume of water, and the drum is rotated at a higher speed than the normal rate, so that the water is carried up by the ribs at the drum edge to a height of about 1/3 of the washing chamber diameter. The water is then emptied.

EP 1 211 373 discloses that a hinge for the lower corner of a tilt and turn window, or door, has a packing element has (10) with a lower lip (12) to support the weight of the window. The packing element has a profiled nose (15) located into a support lip in the adjacent side of the hinge housing. Screw fasteners link the hinge housing and the packing element. The profile nose has a saw tooth shape directed downwards.

FR 2 754 184 discloses a system for disinfecting the drums, chambers and used water outlets of washing machines and dishwashers consists of a container (4) of a concentrated disinfectant product (1) which is injected into the machine (2) at its mixing point (6) by a dosing pump (5) controlled by a programme (3) before, during or after the normal use of the machine. The injection of the concentrated disinfectant can be made via a Venturi system installed in the machine's water intake or an electrically-operated valve. The disinfectant product can be, for example, a dialdehyde or quaternary ammonium, designed to combat bacteria, fungi and other pathogens, and can have added pH correctors, sequestrant polyacids, ambivalent cations and perfumes.

JP 2 104396 discloses a process to surely clean inside of a washing trough by equipping the washing machine with a function to automatically perform an intra-trough cleaning process using a trough cleaning detergent, and actuating the intra-trough cleaning process with a special input setting means. After water is supplied 14 into a washing trough, a trough cleaning detergent is cast in 15, and upon agitating 16, leaving 17 is made as a process of cleaning. This is followed by agitation 18 again, and water is exhausted 19. To rinse inside of the trough, water is supplied 20, and upon agitating 21 again, water is exhausted 22. The washing machine concerned is equipped with a function to automatically perform the intra-trough cleaning processes except the detergent cast-in process 15. When a power switch 23 is put on in the condition, e.g., that a rinse course setting switch 26 and a dewater time setting switch 27 are depressed simultaneously, this intra-trough cleaning process is actuated.

DE 195 05 594 discloses that a washing machine (1) has a storage container (2) for storing washing or rinsing soln. The container (2) is connected to washing soln. container (6) via a filling line (3) and is connected to the outflow system of the washing machine by means of a separate emptying line (7).

DE 44 35 096 discloses that the consistency of the washing fluid is monitored by a sensor connected with the programme control unit. This control unit influences the run of the programme as the consistency of the fluid is reduced according to the allowed pump output. The unit controls the switching on of the emptying pump for removing part of the water and the fresh water feed until the output set is reached.

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